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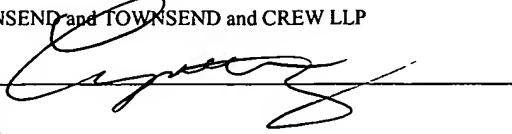
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MEASURING THICKNESS OF THIN  
FILM AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD USING  
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Art Unit: 2877

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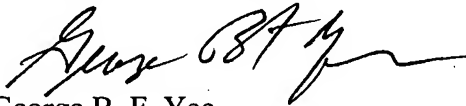
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